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SUBJECT: IRELAND IN LINE WITH EU PRESIDENCY STATEMENT  
REGARDING RECENT ARRESTS IN SYRIA

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Classified By: Political-Economic Counselor Mary E. Daly; Reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) On May 19, emboff delivered reftel points to Department of Foreign Affairs Human Rights Section Deputy Director Gavan O'Leary. O'Leary stated that Ireland agrees with the USG points on the Syrian regime's repression of civil society and human rights activists, but lacking representation in Damascus, the GOI will defer to the recent declaration by the EU presidency regarding the arrests in Syria to address the matter on Ireland's behalf.  
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